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The reply filed on 10 October 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Specifically, applicant did not elect a specific group from the XXV groups provided in the restriction requirement of 28 September 2006. While applicant elected calcium nitrite as a reactant, it is noted that this reactant is found in three separate groups, i.e. group VIII, IX and X (see pages 3 and 4 of the restriction requirement). Therefore, applicant is required to elect a specific group, for example, if calcium nitrite is wanted for the reactant, applicant should elect one of groups, VIII, IX or X, such as electing group VIII. See 37 CFR 1.111. A call was made to Bela Kleiner at 10:24 am on 12 December 2006 to obtain an election of a specific group, however, the call did not result in an election of a specific group. Therefore, since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). Again, applicant is required to elect a specific group, i.e. one of the groups indicated in the restriction requirement of 28 September 2006 as groups I-XXV to be considered responsive.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Rebecca L. Anderson whose telephone number is (571) 272-0696. Mrs. Anderson can normally be reached Monday through Friday 5:30AM to 2:00PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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